

New York, Friday, January 1, 1847.

The Daily Herald.

To give those attached to the HERALD ESTABLISHMENT an opportunity of enjoying "New Year's day," we shall not publish a paper to-morrow. We shall, however, issue an EXTRA at 10 o'clock in the morning, to contain all the news that may reach us in the meantime.

The Weekly Herald.

The Weekly Herald is now for sale at the office. It was printed yesterday, in consequence of "New Year's Day" coming on Friday. Single copies, in wrappers, sixpence each.

The Holiday Herald.

We have published a fourth edition of this beautiful sheet. The illustrations of the Mexican war give it an historical value that no other pictorial possesses. Single copies, in wrappers, ready for mailing, can be had at the desk.

A. D. Eighteen hundred and forty-six—A. D. Eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

We wish each and all of our patrons and friends a happy, very happy, New Year, and congratulate them on the general prosperity that the first of January, 1847, witnesses in our beloved country.

Although the year 1846 belongs to the past, it was marked by many incidents and events which have an important bearing on the future. These will be found in another column, under chronological and statistical heads, and we recommend our readers to preserve this day's paper as an index to the history of the year just closed. We have taken some pains to compile these tables in order to present the patrons of the *New York Herald* with a rich New Year's Gift.

The most important event that happened in the old year is the war with Mexico—a neighboring republic on our own continent. This war was commenced by the enemy, and forced upon us. Previous to the commencement of hostilities, the United States had endured a series of insults and injuries for a number of years, which no other nation, able to redress its wrongs by force, would have submitted to. Notwithstanding our acknowledged ability to force satisfaction for our repeated wrongs, our country, with a magnanimity without a parallel in the history of the world, held forth the olive branch of peace, and repeatedly asked and implored of Mexico to retract her steps and avoid a collision with us, warning her, at the same time, that, in the event of hostilities occurring, we should not only on the defensive, self-protection and the cause of humanity required us to assume another position. Mexico refused the hand of friendship, and was deaf to our warnings. She declared the two countries at war before a shot was fired by our troops, and followed up the declaration by spilling the blood of our fellow-citizens on our own soil. The war is still in progress, but we doubt not, that before the end of the present year, it will have been brought to an honorable termination.

The year 1846, then, witnessed a disruption of the peaceful relations which the United States had enjoyed with the whole world, for a period of more than thirty years. The same year, too, has witnessed some of the most daring military and naval exploits that were ever performed. Opposed to a foe three times superior in point of numbers, our brave regulars and volunteers compelled the enemy to bite the dust, and such of them as escaped their deadly aim, to fly before us as chaff before the wind. Our navy officers performed feats of heroism and bravery, which, for dauntless energy and daring, are probably unexampled.

We have now changed our own position. We have taken an offensive stand, and are prosecuting the war in the enemy's country. We have gained, and are daily gaining important advantages, not with a view of conquest, but purely to conquer a peace. Before this is accomplished, we may record other victories and other deeds of heroism and bravery, worthy of our brave army and navy.

The year 1846, too, has witnessed many changes in our domestic policy. The Congress of that year passed the sub-treasury bill, and modified the tariff of 1842; but the time that has elapsed since they were put in effect, has not been sufficiently long to hazard a conjecture on their probable influence on the interests of the country.

The year 1846 was marked by a love of order on the part of our citizens which we may be highly proud of. We have demonstrated to the world that republics afford as adequate protection to life and property, as any other form of government.

The year 1846 also witnessed the settlement of a long and angrily agitated question of boundary between the United States and Great Britain. Mutual concession, and a reciprocal desire to avoid the effusion of blood, prevailed over false ideas of honor; and a matter that at one time threatened to cause a conflagration that would encircle the civilized world, was disposed of through the influence of civilization and humanity.

There are many other events in the year 1846 that we might refer to, if space permitted. We shall content ourselves with mentioning them in another column, under appropriate heads.

Adieu, 1846. Thy hand, 1847.

Ship Building in New York in 1846.

The spirit of enterprise which has always marked the character of the American merchants, and which has done so much towards the welfare and prosperity of the country, we are gratified to perceive is still in the ascendant, notwithstanding the innumerable restrictions which operate against commerce, growing out of national dissensions, and which seem to have effected but little that indomitable spirit of energy and perseverance so peculiar to the nature of our people generally.

This most important branch of trade, in which the New York ship builders are so justly celebrated, not only for the fleet and beautiful masted vessels they have sent out to every habitable portion of the world, but also for the largest, the most durable, and the most convenient ships that float upon the bosoms of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, is yet, we are happy to state, keeping pace with the rapid and onward march of this age of enterprise and improvements. In our annual report of the amount of tonnage built at the port during the past year, we find that no less than thirty-seven thousand, nine hundred and forty-five tons have been and are now in course of completion.

Twenty-five thousand nine hundred and forty of that amount is now engaged in its legitimate element, the remainder is yet on the stocks, and will be completed in the course of one month.

VESSELS LAUNCHED IN 1846.

Perine, Patterson & Stock's Yard.

Ship *Enterprise*, 90 tons burthen, intended for the Liverpool trade, under the command of Captain Edward Funch, late of the Havre packet *Baltimore*. She will be launched on or about the 25th inst.

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HERALD CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE.

For the Past and Previous Years.

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